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FROM: Chief, LCPIPIT/London

SUBJECT: MHALPHA/MHPROBE/RODIGAST

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: OEPA-1058, dated 17 April 1968

1. RODIGAST reports that the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King had a dramatic and profoundly disturbing impact upon the American Negro community in Paris. The young female leader of the SNCC girls in Paris flew to the U.S. several days later in order to be "where the action is." She does not plan to return but was very impressed by her stay in Paris saying that she will try to persuade other SNCC members to avail themselves of the valuable experience to be gained from working with the various revolutionary groups in Paris. As we foresaw in Reference this has left the SNCC group in the joint hands of IDENTITIES A and C of Reference. Invitations have poured in to speak at various meetings and it appears likely that IDENTITY A of Reference will represent SNCC at many of these meetings. Her importance in the Black community in Paris is indicated by the prominent place accorded her in the memorial service for Dr. King. (See under separate cover attachment 1) Needless to say, this renders all the more pressing an early decision on the proposal contained in Reference.

2. We call your attention to the attached clipping from the 24 April Le Monde which reports on a press conference held by James Foreman, head of the International Affairs department of SNCC, to announce a meeting supporting Black Power to be held at La Mutualite on 29 April and to be addressed by Jean Paul Sartre. QRPHOTO/1 told RODIGAST that there had been some

Attachments: 2
1 - Memorial Service Program (u/s/c)
2 - Le Monde clipping h/w

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CROSS REFERENCE TO

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confusion regarding Sartre's willingness to speak. He had originally accepted to speak at a culturally oriented "gala" to be held at the Theatre National Populaire and there was a question regarding his willingness to switch to this more political atmosphere. The "gala" (see earlier report, paragraph C of OEPA-918) is now being planned for some time in May.

3. IDENTITY C of Reference is reported by RODIGAST to be working with Foreman in planning for the Mutualite meeting. She is so busy that she has temporarily left her child with her mother. IDENTITY C of Reference is also said to be working on another project—possibly involving travel—which is confidential at this point.

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HEREWITH ATTACHMENT TO: OEPA-1097

MEETING EN FAVEUR DU « POUVOIR NOIR » LE 29 AVRIL A LA MUTUALITÉ

Au cours d'une conférence de presse donnée lundi à Paris, M. James Foreman, ancien président du Comité de coordination des étudiants non-violents (C.N.C.C.), aujourd'hui responsable des affaires internationales du S.N.C.C., a annoncé qu'un meeting en faveur du « pouvoir noir » aurait lieu à la Mutualité, le 29 avril à 20 heures. Outre M. Foreman, qui est également « ministre des affaires étrangères » du parti des Panthères noires, MM. Aimé Césaire, Daniel Guérin, Jean-Paul Sartre et Vercors participeront notamment à cette réunion au cours de laquelle deux films seront projetés : *Now*, de S. Alvarez, et *Jazz d'avant-garde*.

Au cours de sa conférence de presse, M. Foreman a évoqué le meurtre du pasteur King, « *exemple du génocide* » que commet contre les Noirs américains « *la société exploiteuse blanche raciste* », et l'adoption par le Congrès américain du projet de loi interdisant la discrimination raciale dans le logement. Ce texte de loi contient en effet un certain nombre de clauses répressives visant, selon M. Foreman, à « *liquider* » les leaders noirs. M. Foreman a également lancé un appel en faveur de plusieurs membres du parti des Panthères noires emprisonnés à Oakland (Californie), à la suite d'une fusillade avec la police le 6 avril dernier, qui a fait un mort — un jeune Noir de dix-sept ans.

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT 1 TO:
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AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE IN MEMORY OF
THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
PASTOR - CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER - HOLDER OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE
8 APRIL 1968

THE CALL TO WORSHIP - The Rev. Robert A. Spencer - American Church
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer

HYMN No. 429 "For All the Saints" (vrs. 1-5) Sine Nomine

PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES — The Hon. Woodruff Wallner, Chargé d'Affaire - U.S. Embassy

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS - Canon James McNamee - American Cathedral
Psalm 90
Daniel 3:16-25

PRAYERS - Dean Sturgis Riddle - American Cathedral

MESSAGES FROM THE FRENCH CHURCHES

The Rev. Dr. Charles Westphal - Federation Protestante de France
Mgsr. Julien Gouet - Roman Catholic Diocese of Paris
Pastor Henri Vincent- Eglise Baptiste de France

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS - The Rev. Dr. Clayton E. Williams, Pastor Emeritus - American Church
Romans 8:31-39
Matthew 10:24-39

ANTHEM - The Choir
"Psalm of Penitence" From King David by Arthur Honegger

(Mercy on me, O Lord; pity, according to thy great compassion. Wipe away my transgression; cleanse me unto the depth of my iniquity. In sin was I conceived. In evil was I born. And thou wouldst have a pure soul? I have sinned. Thou hast taught me thy wisdom, and I have failed in my weakness. Mercy on me, O Lord.")

TRIBUTE TO DR. KING - Mrs. Carline Polite - American Author

FROM AN ADDRESS BY DR. KING - Washington, D.C., Aug. 28, 1963
Read by Mr. Neville Aurelius - Actor

PRAYERS - The Rev. Martin v.B. Sargent - American Church

HYMN - "We Shall Overcome" Negro Spiritual

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
That we shall overcome someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
That we shall live in peace some day.

We shall brothers be, we shall brothers be,
We shall brothers be some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
That we shall brothers be some day.

RECESSIONAL - The 23rd Psalm

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